

RUSSIANS ARE INVADING HUNGARY FROM FOUR DIFFERENT POINTS; REPULSES

RUSSIANS CLAIM CAPTURE OF GALICIAN TOWN AND THREE THOUSAND MEN AND TEN GUNS—THE BATTLE WITH THE AUSTRIANS CONTINUES SUCCESSFUL, DESPITE FURIOUS COUNTER ATTACKS.

GERMANS ARE PRESSING SOUTHWARD FROM LODZ

THE MOVEMENT IS ONE OF STRATEGY, TO RELIEVE THE AUSTRIANS, WHO ARE BEING CLOSE PRESSED IN THE CARPATHIANS.

HUNGARY PANIC STRICKEN

THE RAPID ADVANCE OF THE RUSSIAN ARMY AND THE CONSEQUENT RETREAT OF THE AUSTRIAN FORCES.

Petrograd, Jan. 2.—The Galician village of Mshonka, and the town itself, with three thousand men and ten guns, has been captured by the Russians. The battle continued, with the Austrians delivering furious counter attacks. So far these are repulsed. In the Bukovina region the Russians occupied Stornice and Redauck, capturing many prisoners. The Germans under Mackenzie are pressing southward from Lodz and Lowicz in an effort to relieve the Austrians in the Carpathians and northern Galicia, who are in great danger. The Russians are invading Hungary from four points.

London, Jan. 2.—The Sofia, Bulgaria, correspondent of the Times sends the following:

"The anti-Russian society through its chief, M. Gudenoff, former minister of foreign affairs, has brought about a crisis. He demands the portfolio of foreign minister in a reconstructed cabinet. This is being refused."

The Daily Mail's Rome correspondent sends a Budapest telegram which says the Russians are invading Hungary from four directions. Refugees are flocking into Budapest, the dispatch adds. There is a panic throughout Hungary because of the rapid retreat of the Austrian army before this new Russian advance. All public meetings in Budapest have been suppressed.

The Times' Warsaw correspondent sends a report that the German forces have been withdrawn from that front supposedly to guard against the rumored plan of the Russian army to attack across the river from Lowicz and Thorn.

FLORIDA LAND FRAUD CASES ARE UP AGAIN.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 1.—Subpoenas were issued in the federal court here yesterday for the jurors who found E. C. Chambers and four of his agents guilty of using the mails to defraud in connection with the sale of Everglades land in Florida, to appear here at a hearing on a motion for a new trial on January 4. The subpoenas were issued at the request of John H. Atwood, chief counsel for the land men and came as a surprise to the government.

"I have no idea what he can want with these men," was the comment of Francis M. Wilson, United States attorney who prosecuted the land men. "It will all be brought out at the hearing next Tuesday," was all Atwood would say.

The twelve jurors are scattered over the federal district. Some are several hundred miles from Kansas City. The task of serving the subpoenas and getting the twelve men here will keep deputy United States marshals in this district busy until next Tuesday.

Chambers and his agents were indicted December 9, 1913, and convicted November 26, 1914. Chambers was convicted on twelve counts, as were E. L. Russell, of Miami, Fla.; and F. W. Harper, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; the Rev. A. E. Gamage, of Kansas City, and Charles H. Hubbard, of Pittsburg, Kansas, were found guilty on one count each.

COTTON SHIP STRIKES MINE AND GOES DOWN.

London, Jan. 1.—The Danish ship W. C. Hohn, cotton laden from Savannah, Ga., to Liverpool, England, struck a mine and sank off Flamborough Head, England. All members of the crew narrowly escaped injury from fragments of the mine casing. The ship went down in fifteen minutes. Flamborough Head is in the North Sea in the county of York.

CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING MONDAY AFTERNOON.

There will be a meeting of the Arcadia Civic League next Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Southern Hotel. A full attendance of members is desired.

MRS. FRANK HORTON, President.

FLORIDA AS A "HARD TOP" VIEWS IT.

While Florida in the past has been looked upon by the people of the north and west as a country of swamps and pestilence into which they hesitated to venture. But once did they confine their southern journey beyond the boundary lines of the once more famous southern states, into the land of sunshine and semi-tropical fruits, they would become fascinated with the country and delighted with the beautiful, picturesque scenes which nature has so liberally bestowed upon this, the destined Italy of America.

Not only does nature's beauty and the gulf tempered zephyr breezes appeal to the "Hard Top," as also the agricultural possibilities and resources of these vast undeveloped wooded and prairie lands.

While to me it would seem like vandalism to intrude upon these sacred picturesque hammocks of towering head palms looking down upon the outstretched arms of the world renowned live oaks draped not as they seem to appear with a veil of mist, but with the famous velvet-like Florida moss.

While landscape paintings may convey some ideas of original beauty and gratification, it remains to those who have not looked upon and admired the vast prairies in this vicinity, to be convinced that art as yet has not reached the climax. Should any one desiring a soul thrilling scene of nature's art, let them pass out beyond the shadows of the tall, stately pines just as the sun, like a ball of fire, dropping into the gulf.

Then look up on the prairie as it seems to be walled to skies with the tall, majestic pines crested with the ever living green blending in sympathy with the grass covered mother earth, touched as with an artist's brush, which is only surpassed by the beautiful wild flowers, herds of cattle and flocks of snow white and other birds, who sound a note of warning to all trespassers upon this, their coveted domain.

While some parts of this country are referred to as prairie, in this case the term is slanderous and misleading. The definition of prairie is given as a tract of land destitute of timber, etc. It certainly is beyond my comprehension to imagine of any tract of land or place of abode, that would appeal more directly to the home seeker or agriculturist of other states who have looked upon the barren, unadorned prairies of now more developed countries in pioneer days, without becoming enthused. Looking out so far as the eye can carry you, with its monotonous face broken by the most beautiful hammocks of palms, live oaks and many other tropical plants and trees making an ideal spot for a home.

As to Florida's resources, it is here worthy of further mention. Three years ago, at the time of my previous visit here, only one tract of ground was opened up for truck gardening but look now at the acreage—a wonder to the native "cracker," who has reeled and put his all into fruits. Will you dare to predict that the limit has yet been reached?

In this connection I cannot refrain from referring to the city of Arcadia, the flower of DeSoto county, and expressing my wonder at its improvements and marvelous building boom now on. The new court house and school buildings certainly are a credit. The hard roads and street work show an interest. The large packing houses and other industries show thrift. The beautiful and palatial homes with their artistic surroundings show personal pride and taste.

Yet by way of criticism, it is hard to understand why in this metropolitan city, stock is allowed to run at large to litter up the sidewalks and mar the beauty of the streets, compelling the erection of high fences, obstructing the view of the attractive homes maintained by your citizens.

T. F. WEAVER, Arcadia, Fla., Jan. 1, 1915.

London, Jan. 1.—It is officially announced the British superdreadnaught Formidable has been sunk in the English channel.

LAWYERS TO BE BARRED FROM THIS COURT.

Chicago, Jan. 2.—A court of convenience—a court without lawyers, where the people may plead their own cases—will be established here late in January as a branch of the municipal court. Its aim will be to simplify justice and reduce the cost of going to law.

The court will at first consider cases in which amounts less than \$50 are involved. Later its scope will be broadened when other branches are established.

LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

Editor of the News: Please allow me to extend thanks through your columns to the ladies of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist church for the handsome silver plate that came to me from them as a Christmas present.

The intrinsic value of the piece is considerable, but my appreciation of it comes mostly from the thought of the warm personal friendship that lies back of the offering. I shall hold each one in love and esteem, and always treasure the memory of their unselfish devotion to the work in which we were engaged.

MRS. E. F. LEY, Fort Myers, Dec. 31, 1914.

W. C. T. U.

Mrs. C. H. Siffer, Supt. Phone 276.

This is a perfectly good new hour. Why not use it?

The law of nature is, do the thing you shall have the power; but they who do not the thing have not the power.—Emerson.

Mr. Can't and Mr. Can. Oh, Mr. Can't from Mr. Can. Is a very different sort of a man.

For Mr. Can he always tries. And Mr. Can't he always cries. Now Mr. Can gets many a blow. But he gets the best in the end, you know.

While Mr. Can't gets nothing at all. For he's down too low to suffer a fall—Oh, Mr. Can gets up with a grin. And he says, "I'm bound in the end to win."

But Mr. Can't is a pitiful sight. For he's whipped before he's begun to fight. And he says that it puzzles him quite a lot. Why some can do it and some cannot.

Oh, poor Mr. Can't for he never knew The secret I'm going to whisper to you: That you jolly well "can," if you only try. And you certainly can't, if you only cry.

And that's the reason why Mr. Can From Mr. Can't is a different man.

What's brave, what's noble, let's do it.—Shakespeare.

May it not be that our government will soon arouse to the utter failure of the liquor traffic as a business, moral, or civic proposition, and deal with it as with other recognized evils—exterminating it, root and branch?

The Great Surgeon. Ohio lost her vote. The manhood of the state lost the day.

But since that day a twelve million dollar brewery has failed. Reason, many dry states, they say. But to those who have fought the battle against this great institution of vice, and have prayed for strength and courage to win; this failure cannot seem otherwise than an answer to prayer.

Ohio had set the day for a great cleansing operation in November. Her trained success the Anti-Saloon League and the W. C. T. U., had scrubbed and polished the instruments and had sterilized and educated the mind of this commonwealth to say, "It must be done; Ohio must go dry." Alas, some of the surgeons "did not arrive," and were not faithful to their trust.

Now, I see the great head surgeon in righteous wrath, at the subordinate's unfaithfulness, balance his scalpel, then with rapid, fearless strokes, dissect this reeking malignant cancer from the vitals of our northern sister, Ohio.

When the pressure of this monster growth was lifted from Ohio, with it went the cause of headaches, heartaches, hunger pangs, soles, moans, and cries for mercy.

So rapidly had this cancer sent out its rootlets that every nerve center of "the Mother of Presidents" was paralyzed to the vibrations of the voice of God.

Her arterial circulation was so congested and germ laden, that every avenue of legitimate business was suffering and crying out, for relief from the burning irritation.

In firm, decisive tones, we now hear the great surgeon command his assistants, the W. C. T. U. and Anti-Saloon League, "Probe deep; destroy every germ this year, that none may take root and grow; carelessness may cause the growth of another octopus whose slimy tentacles will reach out, to snatch the diamonds from the eyes of happy mothers and little children, and place them as glittering stones on the idle fingers of harlots. It will then drag the blooms from the cheeks of wives and babes, and drape them as garlands of roses around the hats of brewers' wives and daughters.

"And now, my faithful ones, I leave you, convinced of a successful operation, but you must watch the recovery. If you see the slightest sign of trouble, call on me; call night or day, and upon your knees confide in me, and together we shall win. Be faithful; watch, work and pray."

We will yet give to Ohio and her sister states a clean, strong commonwealth without blemish. And in their very joy of clean living, will help to lead others to the feet of the great surgeon, Jesus.

How can I teach your children gentleness and mercy to the weak, and reverence for life, when, by your laws, your actions and your speech, you contradict the very things I teach?—Shakespeare.

THE LATEST ULTIMATUM.

Gott, Gott, dear Gott, attention please. Your bardner Vilhelm's here. Und has a word or two to say into your private ear: So turn away all udders now Und listen vell to me. For vat I say concerns us much, Meinself and Shermanny.

You know, dear Gott, I vas your friend.

Und from mein hour of birth I quietly let you rule de Heffen. While I ruled o'er de earth. Und von I told mein soldiers Of by-gone battles aye. I gladly split de glory Und gif you half de praise.

In every vay I tried to prove Mein heart to you vas true. Und only claimed mein honest share In great deeds dat we do. You could not haf a better friend In sky, or land, or sen. Dan Kaiser Vilhelm Number Two, De Lord of Shermanny.

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So vat I say, dear Gott, is dis. Dat ve should still be friends. Und you should help to send my foes To meet their bitter ends.

If you, dear Gott, vidd dis me do, I'll nothing ask again. Und you and I vild bardners be For evermore--Amen!

Und listen, Gott, it must be quick Your help to me you send, Or else I haf to stop attack Und only blay dead.

So four and twenty hours I gif To make de allies run. Und put me safe into mein blace--De middle of de sun.

If you do dis, I'll do my bart. I'll tell de world de fact. But if you don't, den I must tink It is a hostile act. Den var at once I vild declare,

Und in mein anger rise. Und send mein Sepp'n ships to wage A fight up in de skies.

Dis ultimatum, now, dear Gott, Is von of many more. Mein mind is settled up to clean De whole vorld off de floor. Because you vas mein bardner, Gott, An extra chance is giften. So help at once, or soon I'll be De Emperor of Heffen.

—Atlanta Journal.

MOVE AGAINST SPIES.

Rotterdam, Dec. 31.—After December 31 the German administration intends to close the Belgian borders to commerce. No more passports will be issued or recognized, except the special military pass.

It is believed here this unusual precaution is taken to prevent espionage.

HEADLESS BODY OF MURDERED MAN FOUND

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 31.—The body of an unidentified man with the head severed was found in the outlying district by hunters yesterday. In the clothing was found a card bearing the inscription "August Breise, Holst. La., U. S. A." and on the other name "Richard Lawrence." The matter was written in German script. An inspection seal on a suit case indicated the owner had been in Liverpool last September. From the position of the body the police believe the man was murdered.

NO JAPS ON THEIR WAY TO EUROPEAN WAR ZONE.

Tokio, Dec. 31.—The foreign office says rumors in circulation that Japanese troops have landed at Vladivostok or anywhere else, on their way to Europe, are absolutely untrue.